(c) whether Government are going to set up coal bed methane project on the basis of this huge methane gas reserve in Jharkhand region in public or private sector;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (e) Preliminary studies and R&D activities undertaken by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) have indicated the presence of Coal Bed Methane (CBM) in Hazaribagh and Dhanbad areas of Bihar.

Government has approved policy for exploration and exploitation of CBM in the country, which provides for global competitive bidding. The preparation for invitation of bids in accordance with CBM policy has not been completed. The CBM reserve base can be known only after exploration and commercial viability of utilisation of such reserves can be established thereafter.

Difference in the growth rate of various States

†4997. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the average annual growth rate achieved by different States during the nineties in the country;

(b) if so, State-wise annual growth rate;

(c) whether this rate is in conformity with the recently issue report of the World Bank with regard to the growth achieved by the States in the country;

(d) if not, the names of the States where both the reports differ; and

(e) the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) A statement containing state-wise annual growth rate of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) for the years 1994-95 to 1998-99 (at 1993-94 prices), as compiled by the Central statistical Organisation (CSO), is given in the statement. *(See* below).

(c) to (e) The estimates of per capita income used in the World Bank report entitled "India: Policies to Reduce Poverty and Accelerate Sustainable Development" (Report No. 19471-IN) for calculating growth rates of various states are based on 1980-81 prices and weights. On the other hand, the State Domestic Product (SDP) estimates provided by the CSO are based on 1993-94 prices and weights and hence these to are not comparable.

Statement

Growth rate of Gross State Domestic Production (GSDP) at Constant (1993-94) Prices

(% growth over previous year)

Sl.No.	State/U.T.	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 (P)	1998-99 (Q)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5.6	5.7	6.5	-1.7	11.0
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1.3	14.2	-5.0	4.0	7.6
3.	Assam	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.0	1.8
4.	Bihar	5.9	-4.1	16.5	-0.1	2.7
5.	Goa	4.9	7.8	15.3	3.0	—
6.	Gujarat	19.3	6.2	11.4	1.9	4.0
7.	Haryana	6.7	2.7	12.2	1.4	6.0
8.	Himachal Pradesh	9.4	5.6	6,5	6.3	6.9
9.	J&K	—	—	—	—	—
10.	Karnataka	8.1	7.3	10.5	5.0	10.5
11.	Kerala	8.4	5.1	4.7	4.8	5.5
12.	Madhya Pradesh	2.9	5.3	6.5	0.9	6.7
13.	Maharashtra	2.0	12.4	4.8	6.5	9.3
14.	Manipur	—	—	—	—	—
15.	Meghalaya	4.0	7.7	5.8	4.8	7.2
16.	Mizoram	—	—	—	—	—
17.	Nagaland	—	—	—	—	—
18.	Orissa	6.5	5.7	-3.7	10.8	4.7
19.	Punjab	3.8	4.3	7.0	2.6	—

Sl.No.	State/U.T.	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 (P)	1998-99 (Q)
20.	Rajasthan	17.2	3.0	10.1	2.5	1.2
21.	Sikkim	—	—	—	—	—
22.	Tamil Nadu	13.7	4.2	7.7	5.9	4.1
23.	Tripura	0.5	9.2	12.7	10.0	10.0
24.	Uttar Pradesh	7.0	2.9	7.2	2.3	3.6
25.	West Bengal	6.9	5.7	7.0	7.4	6.9
26.	A & N islands	—	—	—	—	—
27.	Delhi	11.0	4.6	7.2	5.2	5.9
28.	Pondicherry	1.1	10.3	25.8	11.9	14.1

Note:

P: Provisional Estimates.

Q: Quick Estimates.

—: Not made available by the concerned State Governments. Source : Directorates of Economics & Statistics of respective State Governments.

Development process in the Country

4998. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a report recently published by the International Monetary Fund has commented adversely on the uneven progress made by India in the realm of economic growth;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the factors identified for the tardy growth; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to step up the tempo of development process in the country?

' THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) The "World Economic Outlook" published by the International Monetary Fund in February, 2000 states the following:—